

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-295-C - ORDER NO. 2000-822

October 10, 2000

IN RE: Application of Quick Connect Telephone)	
Service, Incorporated for a Certificate of)	
Public Convenience and Necessity to Provide)	ORDER
Local Exchange and Interexchange)	DENYING
Telecommunications Services, and for)	CERTIFICATE
Flexible Regulation and Alternative)	
Regulation.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") by way of the Application of Quick Connect Telephone Service, Inc. ("Quick Connect" or the "Company") requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for authority to provide resold interexchange and local exchange telecommunications within the State of South Carolina. The Applicant proposes to provide prepaid local exchange services within the present operating areas of BellSouth, GTE, and Sprint/United. In addition, the Applicant requests that the Commission regulate its local telecommunications services in accordance with the principles and procedures established for flexible regulation in Order No. 98-165 in Docket No. 97-467-C. Further, the Company requests that the Commission regulate its interexchange business service, operator service, and consumer card service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for relaxed regulation granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. The

Application was filed pursuant to Chapter 9 of Title 58 of the South Carolina Code Annotated, and the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

After proper notice, a hearing was commenced on September 21, 2000, at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room. The Honorable William Saunders, Chairman, presided. Quick Connect was represented by Bonnie D. Shealy, Esquire. Adelaide D. Kline, Staff Counsel, represented the Commission Staff.

Carl H. Floyd, Vice President of Sales of Quick Connect, appeared and testified on behalf of Quick Connect. The Commission's view of the testimony is that the witness did not show that the Company possessed the proper technical expertise required in order for us to grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in this case. The Commission therefore must deny this Application. Another Order will follow which will contain a detailed explanation of our findings.

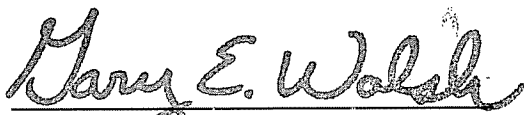
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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